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SUBJECT: PRICE FOR CRUDE PETROLEUM IMPORTED BY MOBIL

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- 1. MOBIL REPRESENTATIVES HAVE TOLD US THAT DEPITE CONTINUING EFFORTS THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO RESOLVE LONG STANDING CRUDE PRICE PROBLEM. SUBSEQUENT TO AMBASSADOR MACOMBER'S OCTOBER 12 DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT WITH PM ECEVIT, AN APPOINTMENT FOR MOBIL MANGER WAS MADE WITH MINISTER OF ENERGY. THIS WAS LATER CANCELLED DUE TO ILLNESS OF MINISTER AND MOBIL REPS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO RESCHEDULE IT.
- 2. COMMENT: MOBIL REPS HAVE EXPRESSED DEEP FRUSTRATION OVER INABILITY OBTAIN APPOINTMENT WITH ENERGY MINISTER. THEY FEEL HE IS PURPOSELY AVOIDING MEETING WITH THEM WHILE GOVERNMENT IS IN CARETAKER STATUS WITH THE VIEW THAT WHEN A NEW GOVERNMENT IS FORMED HE MAY NO LONGER BE MINISTER AND THUS CAN AVOID A DIFFICULT AND UNPOPULAR DECISION. PROBLEM EXACERBATED SINCE WE UNDERSTAND OTHER US SUPPLIER (CALTEX), UNDER ITS EXISTING CONTRACT WHICH CONTAINS PRICE ESCALATION PROVISION, OBTAINED PRICE INCREASE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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